Health Sub Centres in Assam

704. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of health sub-centres in Assam;

(b) how many of them have their own buildings; and

(c) how many buildings are proposed to be built during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) According to the information made available by the State of Assam, 5110 sub-centres are functioning as on 31st March, 1990.

(b) and (c) 1500 Sub-centres are functioning in their own buildings while 100 buildings are under construction. Planning Commission has recommended construction of 200 sub-centres buildings in Assam during the year 1990-91.

Construction of Hotel/Hospital on Airport land to Hyderabad

705. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Airports Authority offered airport land at Hyderabad for construction of hotel/hospital;

(b) if so, how many persons applied for the land;

(c) what was the highest bid;

(d) whether the land was allotted to the highest bidder, if not, what were the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the allottee has now been allowed to construct a club there; and

(f) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 55 persons.

(c) Rs. 1138 lakhs.

(d) No, Sir. The National Airports Authority appointed a committee consisting of three members who found that the highest offer was lacking in details of the project, mode of financial and technical collaboration with other hotel chains etc., and, therefore, the next highest offer was accepted.

(e) and (f) The allottee is constructing a swimming pool and a health club as a part of the hotel project.

Demand and supply Position of Nitro Chloro Benzine Isomers

706. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the demand and supply position of Nitro-Chloro Benzine Isomers in the country;

(b) what are the names of the producers and consumers of this item; and

(c) whether there is any gap between the supply and demand of Nitro-Chloro Benzine Isomers, if so, what steps are being taken to fill the gap?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The demand for Nitrochloro benzene Isomers for 1989-90 is now estimated at 13,200 tonnes. The production of these Isomers during 1989-90 is estimated at about 10,800 tonnes. The demand for these Isomers for the year 1990-91 is estimated at 14,600 tonnes.

(b) M/s. Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited is the major producers of these Isomers. The other small producers are M/s. J. D. Agro Industries, M/s. Vividha, M/s. Chemi Organics (Chemicynth) and M/s. Aarthi Organics. These Isomers find usage in drugs, pesticides, rubber chemicals and dyes industries.

(c) Due to sudden spurt in the demand for these Isomers there is a gap in the demand and supply position for these Isomers. However, to meet the temporary shortage, supplementary licence for import of these Isomers are being granted. Additional capacities for these items have been approved by the Government, to meet the future demand.

Terms of reference of committees on drug issues

707. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 603 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the terms of reference of the standing committee, expert groups and of the permanent standing committee;

(b) when was permanent standing committee constituted;

(c) what are the details of meetings held upto the 30th April, 1990 of expert groups, standing committee and permanent standing committee; and

(d) what are the details of recommendations make by the permanent standing committee to the Ministry so far and what action has been taken on each?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) On 5-2-1990, the Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals have constituted a standing Committee to consider all matters connected with the review of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 and the representations made on various issues concerning Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 including inclusion/exclusion of drugs in the scheduled categories. According to the memorandum constituting the Standing Committee, 3 Exports Groups *viz.* Expert Group on Therapeutic issues, Expert Group on Technology issues and Expert Group on production and Turnover issues will assist the Standing Committee. These Expert Groups will examine all the issues concerning DPCO. 1987 and the representations received thereon and submit their reports of the Standing Committee for consideration and making a final recommendation to the Goverment. The Expert-Groups and the Standing Committee will meet once in 3 months or as and when required.

While the Expert Group on production and turnover issues has already met thrice, the other two Expert Groups as well as Standing Committee has met twice each. It is not in public interest to disclose the details of the recommendations of the Expert Groups as well as the Standing Committee at this stage.

Recovery of the amount due on Flucinolone Acetonide

708. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 710 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1990 and state :

(a) what are the points on which his Ministry has sought the opinion of the Law Ministry in respect of Flucinolone Acetonide;

(b) when was the opinion sought and what in the opinion of the Law Ministry on those issues; and

(c) by when the amount due from the company would be recovered ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) The opinion of the Department of Legal Affairs was sought on the question of coverage of Flucinolone Acetonide and its formulations under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 and recovery of the amounts overcharged by the company;

(b) The opinion was sought in March, 1990. Law Mtnisrty have advised that company should be proceeded against in terms of Paragraph 7 and 13 of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.